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REPRESENTATIVE OF KENYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the full text of the communiqué of the regional summit on the crisis in eastern Zaire, held at Nairobi, on 5 November 1996 (see annex).

I should therefore be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Communiqué of the Nairobi regional summit on the crisis
in eastern Zaire, held at Nairobi on 5 November 1996

1. At the invitation of President Daniel T. Arap Moi, Presidents Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, Frederick Chiluba of Zambia, Pasteur Bizimungu of Rwanda, Isaias Afewerki of Eritrea and Benjamin Mkapa of the United Republic of Tanzania, Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia and Ferdinand Oyono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cameroon, representing His Excellency Paul Biya, Current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), met on 5 November 1996 at Nairobi to deliberate on the conflict in eastern Zaire.
2. Also participating in the Summit were Mr. Salam Ahmed Salim, the Secretary-General of OAU and Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, Facilitator of the peace process.
3. The Summit examined recent developments in eastern Zaire, resulting in armed confrontation, and expressed its grave concern at the deteriorating situation in that area and the threat posed to peace and stability in the entire Great Lakes region.
4. The Summit reaffirmed the commitment and solidarity of the countries in the region for the concern about the escalation of the conflict and agreed that an immediate ceasefire should be effected and strictly observed to enable the intensification of diplomatic efforts to achieve lasting peace.
5. The Summit reaffirmed its commitment to the territorial integrity of Zaire in accordance with the OAU Charter and, in particular, the Cairo Declaration of 1964 on territorial integrity and inviolability of national boundaries as inherited at independence and called for non-intervention and an end to cross-border incursions.
6. The Summit further reaffirmed the inalienable rights of all people within the internationally recognized territorial boundaries as stipulated in the OAU Charter on human and people's rights and other international conventions relevant to the rights of citizenship and nationality.
7. Taking cognizance of the plight of the refugees in eastern Zaire, the Regional Summit called for the immediate setting up of safe corridors and temporary sanctuaries inside Zaire to facilitate humanitarian assistance and the repatriation of refugees.
8. The Summit called for the intensification of efforts towards the voluntary repatriation of refugees to Rwanda. To enable the success of this effort, the Summit called for the implementation of the long-standing decision to separate the intimidators and bona fide refugees.
9. The Summit requested the Security Council to take urgent measures to ensure the establishment of safe corridors and temporary sanctuaries by deploying a neutral force. In this connection, the Summit called upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations to work closely with the OAU Secretary-General towards the

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realization of this objective. The Summit requested the Secretary-General of OAU to follow up closely the implementation of this decision. The Summit affirmed the readiness of the subregion to make its own contribution to that effect.

10. The Summit directed their Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Ethiopia and the representative of the OAU Chairman to follow up closely on the decisions of the Summit.

11. The Summit mandated the four Foreign Ministers to visit Zaire to convey the decisions of this Summit.

12. The Regional Summit expressed its appreciation to President Daniel T. Arap Moi for hosting in Nairobi the Summit on the crisis in Zaire, and to the Government and people of the Republic of Kenya for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to the delegations.
